

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
70 Maple Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2009

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Yoder

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Dave Crockett, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Harlo Haines, Nathaniel Neider, Tony Slawinski, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: None

Others: Robert & Susan Archey (1073 Sweetnam Drive), David Kellicut (1019 Sweetnam Drive) Mary Ann Stowell, Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Ray Fortier that the Agenda be approved as prepared.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 8 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Neider, Albee, Crockett, Gustad, Fortier, Slawinski, Yoder  
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of June 4, 2009

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Linda Albee that the minutes of the June 4, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting be approved.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 8 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Neider, Albee, Crockett, Gustad, Fortier, Slawinski, Yoder  
No: None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PC-2009-06 City of Manistee, Robert A. Archey, Jr., Susan R. Archey, David R. Kellicut - Street Vacation**

A request has been received from the City of Manistee, Robert A. Archey, Jr., Susan R. Archey, and David R. Kellicut to vacate that portion of Sweetnam Drive between Twelfth Street and Reigle Street. The June 13, 2008 storm has made that portion of Sweetnam Drive unsafe and dangerous. Robert and Susan Archey, 1073 Sweetnam Drive (Parcel #51-373-704-05, #51-373-704-09, #51-373-704-13, & 51-373-702-25) have access to their property from Reigle Street and David R. Kellicut, 1019 Sweetnam Drive (51-373-702-15) has access to his property from Twelfth Street. The vacated portion of Sweetnam Drive would be added to the adjoining property owners as provided for by State Law.

Commissioner Haines entered the Meeting

Chairman Yoder opened the Public Hearing

Susan Archey, 1073 Sweetnam Drive spoke of how they now access their home from Reigle Street since the storm on June 13, 2008. Last winter was worse than previous years and the City snowplow crews did not have any more problems then when they plowed Sweetnam Drive.

Jon Rose, Community Development Director spoke of the Storm Damage and how the City has been working with the Corps of Engineers and other agencies to address the problem. A cul-du-sac will be constructed, vacating Sweetnam Drive due to erosion is practical and the two owners effected have access to their homes.

A letter was received from Georgia & Bruce Fredrickson (attached)

There being no further comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PC-2009-06 City of Manistee, Robert A. Archey, Jr., Susan R. Archey, David R. Kellicut - Street Vacation**

A Public Hearing was held earlier in response to a request from the City of Manistee, Robert A. Archey, Jr., Susan R. Archey, and David R. Kellicut to vacate that portion of Sweetnam Drive between Twelfth Street and Reigle Street.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee that the Planning Commission recommend to City Council to approve the request to vacate that portion of Sweetnam Drive between Twelfth and Reigle Street.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 9 to 0.

Yes: Haines, Neider, Gustad, Barry, Fortier, Slawinski, Albee, Crockett, Yoder  
No: None

### **By-Law Update**

City Council has developed language that will be used by all the City of Manistee Boards and Commissions for absences. This language has been incorporated into the Planning Commissions By-Laws.

Commissioner Crockett thought that the need to include three paragraphs to address absences was excessive and that by eliminating the word excused would have been a simpler solution.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the Planning Commission amends their By-Laws to reflect the new language relating to absences.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 9 to 0.

Yes: Fortier, Albee, Neider, Haines, Slawinski, Crockett, Barry, Gustad, Yoder  
No: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mary Ann Stowell own parcels on Reigle Street and expressed concern about the erosion on Twelfth Street and how the City was going to stop it from continuing.

Jon Rose said that the design has been done by City Engineers and reviewed by FEMA and NRCS. They all believe the proposed solution will work.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**STAFF REPORT:**

Jon Rose, Community Development Director spoke to the Commission about re-scheduling the October Planning Commission Meeting from October 1, 2009 to October 8, 2009. Both he and Denise Blakeslee will be attending the Michigan Association of Planners Conference.

MOTION by Linda Albee, seconded by Harlo Haines to re-schedule the October Planning Commission meeting from October 1, 2009 to October 8, 2009.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 9 to 0.

Yes: Haines, Neider, Gustad, Barry, Fortier, Slawinski, Albee, Crockett, Yoder  
No: None

**MEMBERS DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner Slawinski asked about the status of River Parc Condominiums.

Commissioner Albee asked about the Marina Building project and Arthur Street Boat Launch project.

Chair Yoder asked about the work going on across from the Captains Café and Trailers being parked on City Streets.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Harlo Haines that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M.

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary